

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Congressman Joe Courtney today announced that Windham Hospital has secured a \$101,597 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to to implement an electronic health record system at the two school based health clinics in Windham. The grant is a product of the Affordable Care Act, which provided a total of \$200 million for FY 2010 through FY 2013 for school-based health centers. Windham Hospital, in partnership with the Town of Windham, provides healthcare services and staff at clinics in both the Windham Middle and High Schools.

“This grant will help Windham Hospital improve the already tremendous work it is doing to keep our children healthy in school,” **said Congressman Courtney.** “Electronic records will help schools keep track of immunizations, prevent medical errors, and will ensure that students, many of whom rely on these centers for primary care, can get back on their feet and back in the classroom.”

This federal grant award will facilitate the sharing of critical health data with primary and specialty care providers in the community, within the hospital, especially at times of emergency, but also as students transition from middle to high school. The School Based Health Centers at Windham Middle and High School currently serve over 465 students annually with over 2250 visits.

“The overall goal of the new system will be to improve the Windham School Based Health Center program’s effectiveness and efficiency and enhance the quality of care and patient outcomes. We are honored to have been selected as one of the grantees in this highly competitive process,” said Stephen Larcen, Ph.D., President and CEO, Windham Hospital.

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